

## “Exploring Community Revitalization in Central Appalachia” Topics

October 4 Update

Exploring Community Revitalization in Central Appalachia is a participant-driven event. When you register, you will be asked if you have any topics you would like to see discussed or if you have a project you would like to highlight during our “lightning round” presentations. (If something comes to mind later, please forward it to <[herb.petitjean@ky.gov](mailto:herb.petitjean@ky.gov)>.)

We are continuing to receive outstanding proposals from those who are registering. Here are some of the topics we have received as of October 4.

### Working Session Topics

- Homegrown Jobs – promoting local entrepreneurship
- How to ensure that rural areas and small towns have the same access to state and federal resources as big cities
- Post-mining land uses
- Addressing Appalachian watershed issues – acid mine drainage, straight piping, sedimentation and flooding
- “Will the Circle Be Unbroken” – how to maintain an ongoing conversation of stakeholders across state lines and EPA regional boundaries
- Biomass and biofuel opportunities
- Strategies to catalyze small projects in small towns
- Down in the dumps – redeveloping old dumps and landfills

### Lightning-Round Presentations

- FOCUS Program - 26 West Virginia Communities Working on Brownfield Redevelopment Projects
- The Role of Philanthropy in Community Revitalization for Rural Appalachia
- Building Community Through Entrepreneurship and Appalachian Heritage
- Biomass and Biofuel Development Potential in Kentucky
- Training for Watershed Groups